

DEATH ON ALL SIDES.

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Passengers Lose Their Self-Control and Plunge into the Water Without Life Preservers—The Four People Who Perished Were Hurled to Death—A List of the Dead and Injured.

DECATUR, Oct. 24.—The sight of the beautiful steamer Quanta burning within three miles of the dock here with the resulting loss of four persons, caused such excitement as was never known before. The following is the list of the dead: Mrs. Charles, the captain's mother; John Christie, the captain's son; Mrs. Stacey, second cook; the steamer left town at 4:30 Wednesday evening. Capt. Christie in charge, with a crew of twelve men and twenty passengers. Six carried flares, and the rest carried life preservers. Not long after she left the dock fire was discovered in the woodwork near the fire place, by a deckhand, who notified the engineer, when the pumps were set at work, but without avail.

The Captain's Mother Perished. When Capt. Christie saw there was no hope of saving the ship he ordered Pilot Collier to leave the boat on a small launch, which was done. The captain and crew were at their posts, and all efforts were made to save the passengers, but they were self-controlled and plunged into the water without life preservers or anything to keep themselves from drowning, with but two or three exceptions. The pilot stood at his wheel until the boat was ground on all the engines had stopped. The engineer, Thomas Stacey, leaving the engine running, the flames driving him away. Pilot Collier left the pilot house when the ship burst in, and he was severely burned on the face and hands. Engineer Stacey was also severely burned before he left his post.

Before help could reach the passengers from this port the crew of a ship lying close by put out in boats to the rescue, and picked up all they could find. The steamer Quanta, lying at her dock here, and the steam tug Hinkle, also sent out to the rescue and brought the survivors to the shore. Those more or less severely injured were:

Mrs. A. Stacey, captain of the Salvation Army at Detroit, is severely injured about the face, arms, and hands, but it is thought not seriously. Mrs. Anderson, a United States consul at Detroit, right arm and shoulder and sustained a severe nervous shock, while her exposure in the water will no doubt prove a serious case. She was also burned about the face. Engineer Stacey was burned about the face and hands, but not severely. Frederick Christie was badly burned about the face, neck, and arms, and had two bones of his leg broken. Mr. St. Charles, carriage maker of Belleville, is in a serious condition from his exposure in the water, but will recover. Col. Strong, United States consul at Belleville, was slightly injured and bruised.

The Captain Badly Bruised. Capt. Christie was energetic in saving his passengers and was severely injured, and only real life injuries when he was taken to a hotel and care for. Mr. A. Harte, a traveler, was in the water and called a man named Charles Anderson. Both of them sat on the paddlebox on the burning steamer until they were taken off by the crew of the tugboat. It is known for certain that four persons lost their lives and that burning passengers, none of them were seen to jump or fall overboard.

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BURNED TO A CRISP.

Frightful Fate of a Little 5-Year-Old Michigan Girl.

MIKESBORO, Mich., Oct. 24.—While the 5-year-old child of Capt. Michaels of Monticue, with two other children were playing in a barn Wednesday afternoon they set the building on fire with matches. In a few minutes the entire structure was enveloped in flames. Two children ran from the building and escaped unharmed, but little Annie Michaels was burned to a crisp. The mother heard the cries of the burning babe, but was unable to rescue her. Mrs. Michaels is prostrated with grief. The barn was insured by the Michigan Mutual fire insurance company, and the loss is estimated at \$10,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss, \$4,000. The deceased leaves one child.

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Fire on New York.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 24.—The four-story brick building 100 and 101 Third street was totally destroyed by fire, together with all the stock Thursday afternoon. The building is occupied by Dryden & Palmer and Hines, Ketchum & Co., who employ 200

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Just Delivery at North Dakota.

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THE GREAT TRIAL IS ON.

Judge Longenecker Begins His Address in the Cronin Murder Case.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—At 10 o'clock precisely the jury in the Cronin murder trial took their places. The lawyers for the defense were already on hand, among them Senator Kennedy, who appeared for the first time in four weeks. He said he had been sick. His looks bore out his statements. Then there was a moment of relief, and the babble of tongues was checked only by the vigorous rapping of a hall's gavel. The crowd was now testing the capacity of the court room. Ladies were standing in the back part of the room, seats and space having been allocated. Mr. Ingham was the first of the counsel for the state to arrive. Then came the prisoners. They shook hands with friends of their counsel, who sought to speak pleasant and encouraging words to their clients. After the list of the jurors had been called, Judge Longenecker, in a manner extraordinary impressive, began his opening address.

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In defining circumstantial evidence the state's attorney said: "Circumstances are facts, and, although the evidence in this case is circumstantial, we propose to show to you beyond all reasonable doubt that Dr. Cronin murdered and every man who knew it. Judge Longenecker then reviewed the story of the crime and said he would show it to be the result of a conspiracy and prove that the accused men were in the conspiracy.

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A Painful Duty Performed by Chief Arthur.

CHARGES AGAINST A HIGH OFFICER.

Proceedings of the Convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Denver—Hundreds of Miners on Strike in the Hocking Valley Mines—The Switchmen's Strike.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 20.—The locomotive engineers Wednesday concluded the investigation of charges against Tuesday against one of the grand officers and adopted resolutions regarding him. "By the vote of the grand order of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, through its representative assembly in this convention," said Chief Arthur to the names official, "the painful duty devolves upon me to place the censures of the order upon your head, and reprimand you for your action as a high responsible official of the brotherhood during the Burlington strike in 1885. It was officially stated Wednesday that the said officer censured was not Chief Arthur, therefore it must have been one of his eight subordinates."

The Name Must Be Kept Secret.

Chief Arthur said Wednesday night that if the name of the censured official appeared in print he would order a rigid investigation. Every effort is being made to keep the name of the censured official secret, and every member seems anxious to impress outsiders that the utmost secrecy and harmony prevailed when in fact it was a genuine manager. The convention had just settled down to work again when a bomb was thrown in the midst of the proceedings, and by B. M. Vedder, of St. Louis, who is chairman of the grand officers grievance committee. The resolution was on federation and is a very plain document. It created as much excitement as the trial that had just ended.

An Advocate of Federation.

Mr. Vedder is one of the strongest advocates of federation with other labor and railroad organizations in the brotherhood, and his views were stated very forcibly in the convention. The argument was not completed when the adjournment of Wednesday was ordered by the insurance department. Vedder's resolution was not adopted, but the regular convention will resume Friday, when Vedder's resolution will be taken up. It has been decided to postpone the election of officers until next Monday on account of the secret state of affairs. It is understood that Vedder, of Chicago, has withdrawn from the race for chief, leaving only Arthur, Vedder, and Vedder as the known candidates.

Permanent Headquarters.

Predictions are made that Vedder will be elected as a canvasser of delegates made Wednesday failed to give Arthur a majority. A resolution introduced Wednesday providing for location of the permanent headquarters of the brotherhood at Chicago was defeated. Other candidates for this honor are Cleveland, St. Louis and Denver, with everything in favor of the former. Resolutions were passed favoring Chicago as the most eligible site for the world's fair in 1892.

Strikers Much Encouraged.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 24.—The switchmen of the Louisville and Nashville railroad have been much encouraged by the action of President Mackay of the Mackay system. Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock the yard switchmen of the Mackay system met on the streets of this city, and made the same demand that the Louisville and Nashville employees did, and Mr. Mackay acceded to it without any hesitancy. This, it is thought, will act as a persuader on the Louisville and Nashville authorities.

Big Strike of Coal Miners.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 24.—Between 600 and 700 miners employed in the four mines of the Columbus and Hocking Valley Coal and Iron company in the Hocking valley have struck. They are progressive unionists. Between 300 and 400 Knights of Labor remain on duty in this city, and make the same demand that the Louisville and Nashville employees did, and Mr. Mackay acceded to it without any hesitancy. This, it is thought, will act as a persuader on the Louisville and Nashville authorities.

Strike at a Locomotive Works.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Oct. 24.—The strike situation at the Brooks Locomotive works here is unchanged. The managers say they will employ such workmen as will them, union or non-union, and will discharge men who do not suit them, regardless of their belonging to unions. The strikers say the men discharged was a committee-man of their union, and they consider that there was cause for his dismissal.

Chicago Tailors on Strike.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Seven hundred tailors, members of the Journeymen Tailors' Protection and Benevolent association, quit work Thursday morning. They are employed by the clothing stores and tailors in the city. The strike resulted from trouble between the tailors and tailors at Matthews' establishment at Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

The Colton Forgery Trial.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 24.—The Colton forgery trial was rather tedious Thursday. John S. Baisfield, the complaining witness, was on the stand all day. The defense succeeded in entrapping him into flatly contradicting himself. He denied the genuineness of a signature he had before admitted. The defense is trying to prove that he induced notes indiscriminately, and that the signatures denominated as forgeries are genuine.

Tried to Evade the Law.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 24.—The secretary of state has refused to grant a charter to the Miami club, of Corwin, an association formed for benevolent and educational purposes, as the petition sets forth. The refusal was based on private knowledge obtained by the secretary that the club was to be a kind of saloon intended to evade the state saloon regulation laws.

Invited to Effigy.

SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 24.—George W. Shirley, the proprietor of the Merchants' hotel, who was burned in effigy Monday night, bringing a second wife home with him only two weeks after burying his first one, has had to leave town. The indignation increased to such an extent that he sold out his hotel to his nephew and left on the train for parts unknown.

September Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—During September past 25,544 immigrants came to this country, against 38,805 in September, 1888. Germany furnished 8,450, England and Wales 6,381, Ireland 5,303, Sweden and Norway 3,880, Russia 3,799, Scotland 1,931, Italy 1,776, and France 783.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The New York parks will henceforth be lighted with gas only—at least until the electrical danger question is completely settled.

Mrs. Hattie French, the daughter of a wealthy Chicagoan, who has been receiving income from one side, the attempted literary work in addition to her studies and the station on her mind caused her to give way.

D. W. Lusk, of Springfield, a well known Republican politician and former publisher of The Springfield Herald, is seriously ill at

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MORNING REVIEW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1889.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

F. M. Pratt went to Chicago last night. W. P. Hunter was at Blue Mound last night. Dr. S. H. Swain was at Dalton City last night. Dr. W. B. Hostetter was at Niantic last night.

Mrs. Walter Morgan is visiting at Morrisville. Hon. R. H. Hill was in Decatur yesterday from Boody.

Dr. W. J. Chenoweth was called yesterday to Boody.

Dr. S. J. Baunstead went to Cisco on the afternoon train.

D. W. Brennan went to St. Louis yesterday afternoon.

Peter Losh and Orville B. Gorin were in Macon yesterday.

Miss Bessie Corn, of Oakley, is visiting Miss May Grindol.

Frank Meyer and wife returned yesterday from a visit at Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Westhoff have returned from a visit at Leesdale.

Elder Herman, of Bethany, is conducting a protracted meeting at Orona.

O. B. Seip has returned from a five-weeks visit at Hanniburg, Ia.

Mrs. Walter McIntyre, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. C. C. Kinsman.

Mrs. G. A. Burgess, of Monticello, visited Mrs. S. P. Ackerman yesterday.

S. F. Nickerson and wife, of Long Creek, left yesterday for Dayton, Washington.

Salon Royal's household goods were being shipped yesterday to Minneapolis.

Mrs. D. R. Alexander was at Lincoln yesterday on business factory and clothing business.

Mrs. J. T. Denton left yesterday morning for New Philadelphia, where she will visit a few weeks.

J. C. Freeman, who has been at Sidney, was here yesterday while going to his home at Anacostia, Mont.

Mrs. Sibylla Lewis, of Germantown, Ind., will arrive in the city to day to make her home in Decatur.

C. A. Reginald, of the Illinois Central freight office, with his wife, went yesterday to White Heath for a visit.

Mrs. Lizzie Macomber, of Sierra Lake, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher, at 253 West North street.

E. V. Hesket, of Sullivan, was here yesterday. He has recovered from the recent accident, the result of a fall, and is now on duty again.

Mrs. Alice G. Evans arrived in the city yesterday from Chicago, where she has been visiting a few days on her return from her Washington trip.

George Sharp and wife, who have been visiting relatives in Peoria and Danville, Kan., since September 24, returned home yesterday morning.

Miss Marie Freeman will go to Chicago this morning and after a visit there, will return with Miss Edith Dudley, who has been in the city for several days.

Miss G. Havenman has accepted of a very desirable appointment at the Nebraska Academy of Music, Lincoln, Neb., and will leave Decatur Saturday morning.

City Attorney McDonald and C. R. Hoffmann returned yesterday from Carter, where they have been hunting. They say they got quantities of quail and snipe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Winter, who have been visiting in Blue Mound for several days, were in the city yesterday and left on the afternoon train for their home in Lovington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Head, of Assumption, who were married on Wednesday evening, were in the city yesterday buying furniture and other articles necessary to keeping house.

Elois Willard, Carrie Lamont, Rose and Harry Shaw and B. Howard, of the "Town Lots" company, were at the St. Nicholas yesterday morning while passing through the city.

Among visitors from the suburbs yesterday were Mrs. Henry Heineman, Mrs. J. J. Swartz, Mrs. L. Cazale, R. H. Woodcock and wife, Mrs. Charles Failing, of Walker Station, J. H. Michaels, of Sullivan.

Meeting for Bible study to-night at the First M. E. church, commencing at 7:30, preached by Rev. Robert Phillips. Subject, "Sin, Forgiveness and Peace." Lesson Psalms 111:1-11. Everybody welcome.

Rev. James Miller returned from Chicago yesterday morning, where he has been attending the Grand Commandery of the state of Illinois. He was reappointed Grand Prelate, an office he has held for the last year.

J. E. Wallace, master of bridges and buildings for the Wabash, and his family, of Springfield, were entertained yesterday by W. W. Burns, on North Water street. Mr. Wallace's family left in the afternoon for Little Rock, Ark., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Louisa, of Monticello, who has been here several days owing to the illness of her brother, Henry Blaine, returned yesterday to her home, accompanied by her son Willie and her niece, Lena Nelson. The latter will visit at Monticello for several weeks.

Wearing His Medal.
James Veale was wearing his handsome medal yesterday that has an intrinsic value of about \$30, to say nothing of its worth in another way.

It was the gold medal awarded as a prize for the best fitting coat made at a cutter's convention at Chicago last summer. He didn't receive it until Wednesday. It is handsome. From a gold bar a medal about the size and shape of \$30 gold piece, is suspended by two small chains. On the bar and circle are the words: "First Prize. Won by James Veale at the Custom Cutters' Association, July 29, 1889." The French Cutter from Cork is extremely proud of it, as he has good reason to be.

Another Dynamo.
The Decatur Electric Light company, which has in the last six months troubled its light-supplying capacity, has just ordered another dynamo of 300 amperes. It has been obliged to do this because the last one, an Edison generator, was too small. That will still be used, however, and the new machine will be an addition of about 600 lights to its capacity. The alternating machine, which was made to run 1,000 volts, has been running 1,350 volts, to keep up with the demand for light and power.

Surprised.
Yesterday was the birthday of Miss Annie Cox, on North Main street, and her friends celebrated it by giving her a surprise party at her home last night.

A NEW DEPOT.

That is a Part of it. It will be New, at Any Rate.

Mention was made in THE REVIEW two or three weeks ago, of the presence in the city of a gentleman from the general offices of the Illinois Central, to see what could be done in the way of enlarging our depot. He measured about everything in that block, and then went away, as most of us supposed not to be heard from again for another decade, at least. It seems, however, that the officials are still thinking about us occasionally. Another one was here Wednesday night. This time it was a man connected with the construction department, who didn't want his name used, though there is no doubt that he is on the inside, and was telling what are actual facts.

He said plans have been made for making an addition to the present building that will at least relieve all the trouble caused by lack of room. The plans contemplate the erection of a brick addition on the east side, between the ladies waiting room and the express office. It will extend 40 feet east, and will be two or three stories high. The waiting rooms will thereby be greatly enlarged, and the hotel will be given more room. New furniture will be put in the waiting rooms, and they will be repainted and improved in other ways.

A shed will be built all around the depot, covering the platform and tracks, so that it will be possible to get the trains in rainy weather without getting soaked, as is the case now.

The second story of the new part will be used for offices, the gentleman said. It is supposed that he meant the telegraph offices.

The intention now is to begin on the work the first thing in the spring, and have it completed even before the summer is here.

Should this plan be executed, it would stop at once and effectively all talk of a new depot for years to come. It would be a marked fact that would be the end of the matter on the condition that exists now, but it would be a miserable substitute for what is actually needed. So far as known, the plans do not contemplate any change in the arrangements for handling baggage and express, and the men handling them would still have to push their heavy and unwieldy trucks through the crowds of passengers. Sometimes men and passengers both are hurrying to get to the trains, and are not over careful of each other's feelings, convenience, or persons in passing.

The waiting room, which is a small affair, that has been built up of wood, will stand on the platform with eyes and ears about, while the thoughtless baggage men haul a truck load of 250 pound samples cases over his unsuspecting toes. Or even the wary commercial traveler will continue to experience the delight of being annoyed from the entrance of the platform to the train.

A pretty girl by having a truck handle propelled with irresistible force through her back, thus making him indubitable in the eyes of the other passengers, is a sight to be seen.

Well, if the Illinois Central does anything at all, we suppose we should be satisfied.

Deaths and Burials.
Herman Kokowski, nine years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kokowski, died on the 23rd of October. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the residence.

Harry D., the 3 year old son of Jacob and Louisa Faust, died on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the residence in Dalton City. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Warrensburg.

Julius Burkhardt, 6 years old, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 10 p. m., of diphtheria. He was sick five days. The funeral will be held at 12:30 Friday, at the residence, 1024 North Calhoun street.

The 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kuor, died Thursday afternoon, after an illness of four days with diphtheria. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Friday morning, at the residence on North Jordan street.

Rev. George W. Hurd, of Gladstone, Ill., died at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at 221 West Main street, after a short illness with diphtheria. He came to Decatur a few days ago for medical treatment for another ailment. The body will be sent this morning to Hopkinsville, Ill., for burial.

How the Register Worked.
The new fare registers were in use on some of the depot and West Main street cars of the Citizens company yesterday. They are similar in plan to those used in large cities. A cord runs along the roof of the car, and when the conductor collects a fare, he pulls that cord, the bell rings, and the register charges him with that fare. Last night out on West Main street a nervous passenger who wanted the car stopped, jumped up and pulled the cord. The bell rang of course, and the passenger heard it, but the conductor didn't. Consequently he howled miserably along, utterly unconscious that he had just been charged with 50 cents that he did not get. The passenger didn't see why the car didn't stop, so he sprang up again and charged up about a \$1's worth of fares before the poor street car man found out what was going on. He stopped finally with the remark that he would have to turn his clothes in when he settled up with the company if he had many such passengers as that.

Another Peculiarity.
Besides being about the worst specimen of a depot allowed to stand in a civilized country, our downtown depot presents the sight of being without a sidewalk, or roadway to it. If one wants to reach it, he has to either take a mud road or balance himself on a street car track, and in that way go a half block. Then he must pick his way through a network of tracks, and finally come to the depot platform. A carriage cannot drive to the depot, and the mail and baggage wagons have to make a circuit through a swamp, and finally come in sight of the building only to find a string of boxes barring all further progress.

He is One of Us.
E. J. Martin, vice-president and manager of the Decatur Electric Street railway, has become a permanent resident of Decatur, and now has no other business but that in connection with the road here. He has resigned his position as special agent for the Erie Electric Street Railway System for the present, will give his whole attention to the Decatur road. He has rented a house on Cerrito Gordo street, one block west of the car house, and will soon move into it.

Canton Preparing.
G. W. Patterson received a letter yesterday from Major Bartlett Kor, of the Second battalion, Fourth regiment, Patriarchs Militant, covering nearly all the southern part of Illinois, saying that the Fourth expected to be at Springfield in full force and so well drilled as to speak well for Egypt. The Third regiment, of which the Decatur canon is a member, will also be present, and make an effort to make a good showing.

RAILROAD ITEMS.

Foodmaster John Daly was at Champaign yesterday.

G. M. Blackburn, of Forrest, was in Decatur yesterday.

Will Kinsman is taking a visit at New York and other eastern places.

The Switchman's Mutual Benefit association will give a ball on New Year's eve.

Elmer Harwood, train baggage man between Decatur and Quincy, is taking a two-weeks' leave. Henry Banks is on his run.

Agents for Peoria distilleries are engaging all the corn that can be had for the next ten days along the line of the T. H. & P.

The T. H. & P. has just rebuilt an engine, putting on an extension front and numbering it 6. It came from the company's shops at Paris and was running on the noon passenger train yesterday.

President Ashley, of the Wabash lines, has returned east after a careful inspection of the railroad matters, with the exception that he thinks rates have dropped too low. He tells the friends of the property that the road will earn its operating expenses this year and the interest on its first and second mortgage bonds.

The recent introduction of gas on the Wagner Palace cars has proved so successful that the New York Central has determined to equip its passenger coaches in a similar manner. About 100 of such coaches are now in active service. The gas, which is compressed in a cylinder under each car, is made from petroleum and furnishes a 60 candle power light nearly four times the brilliancy of the oil lamps.

Barney Cavanaugh, the oldest ticket-taker on the Milwaukee division of the Northwestern, used to "run freight" over the same division. One cold morning he was taking his long freight train to Milwaukee, years ago, and he had occasion to go forward over the slippery cars. He reached a flat car loaded with coal, on his way, and there in a corner, half under the coal, he espied a tramp who was stealing a ride.

"What are you doing there?" he yelled at the tramp. The latter cautiously put his finger to his lips, looked around, and whispered in a hoarse voice: "Don't spike 'em off, or de conductor will put us back so!"

So this ticketed Barney that he allowed the cautious tramp to finish his ride to Milwaukee.

COMING EVENTS.
OPERA HOUSE.
The "Corsair" Kee's operatic spectacular ballet-drama, which will be given with effect at the opera house to-morrow night, is spoken of in this way by the Boston Globe: "A stage spectacle, the presentation is a great success; brilliant, gorgeous, dazzling, in fact, superlative adjective might well be exhausted in commending it. The scene on board the Corsair's back is exceedingly natural; the gardens of the Pacha in the second act, with its fine architecture and picturesque fountain, is singularly beautiful, and the harbor scene in the third act, as is gorgeous as anything we have ever seen on the stage. The plot, plot and lyrics in polished position, and rich decorations combine to make an interior that is dazzling in brilliancy. The finale, showing the palace of pearls, is another example of superlative beautiful stage setting and stage effect, and almost surpasses the human interior. The costumes quite equal the stage effect; no more need be said in its praise. For richness in elegance of material, the costumes cannot be surpassed. The piece runs very smoothly, and the constantly amusing funny business nightly delights the audience and calls forth enthusiastic applause."

THOMAS.
The finest musical entertainment of the season will unquestionably be that next Monday night, given by Theodore Thomas and his wonderful orchestra. The program has been submitted to the people for choice. Select your number and send it on a postal card to Manager Haines. Seats will go on sale to-morrow morning.

ROBERT DOWNING.
Will play "Count Claudio" Tuesday night. Of the star the New York Herald says: "Although others claim the mantle worn by Forrest and McCullough, the phenomenal success that Robert Downing is meeting with proves him to be the worthy successor."

Hunters Beware.
A farmer who owns a farm near Otter Lake is mad, and says some of these "fly" hunters from Decatur will come down and get into trouble if they are not more careful. Besides that they will kill some one. Last week a party cut his wife's fence and drove across his farm. His stock got out and he hasn't found it all yet.

They are shooting in the woods with rifles, while hundreds of people are out gathering nuts. On the farm of F. L. Wood, in that neighborhood, a fine three year old steer belonging to Mr. Wood was killed by some reckless sportsman. The tail was shot off of another one. It is only a matter of time, if such hunting as that is kept up, until some one is shot. Narrow escapes are numerous.

Presbyterian Reception.
The reception given last night at the residence of T. T. Roberts, to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Penhale, the new Presbyterian pastor, and his wife, was an extremely pleasant affair. About 200 called between the hours of 8 and 10, and were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Penhale by Mr. Roberts. Then the callers passed into the parlors and spent some time in conversation. Office calls were served. Rev. James Miller and Dr. George B. Vossburg were among those who called to meet the new minister.

German School Closed.
F. K. Hildebrandt, teacher of the north side German Lutheran school, has decided that, owing to the amount of diphtheria in the district in which his school is, it would be wise to close the school. Accordingly he announced Wednesday that no school would be held until the 1st of November, at least, when it is hoped the disease will have disappeared. It was not deemed absolutely necessary that the school should be closed. The step was taken merely as a precaution.

Pressed Definitions.
The price ring—Maidens say it's the pearl of the wedding bells.
A vice saw—To see your way clear out of a scrape.

The English Hunter's Point—Marrying an American heiress.
Lovering the record, odds against you—Lugging down a congressional report from the topmost shelf.

Utterable evidence—The counterfeited \$10 bill you offer for security.
Under, done—The bottom dog at the end of a fight.

In apple pie order—The Yankee stomach, three times a day.
The poultryman's design—"Spring chicken."

Always at par value—The daughter of a rich man.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

The Central Telephone Company Superintendant Doesn't Like Them.

Editor Hendrichsen of The Quincy Herald, has been investigating the subject of electric street railways, and publishes the information he has gathered for the benefit of the slow going denizens of the Geni City, who are now thinking of adopting electricity as the motive power. Among other things, Editor Hendrichsen inquired into the effects that electric railways have upon the telephone systems, and he addressed a letter on the subject to H. H. Matlock, of Springfield, superintendent of the Central Telephone company.

Mr. M. in his reply, puts his grievances in such a vigorous and straightforward manner, that it will be interesting reading here in Decatur, though, of course, we know by experience that he has somewhat exaggerated the difficulties. It cannot be denied, however, that already the service here has been in some particular instances, interfered with, and as an instance of the strange wrong of fate, it is said that the telephone line that has been most seriously affected thus far, is the one leading to the law office of Senator W. C. Johns, who, as is well known, is the attorney for the Citizens Electric street railway. Here is what Supt. Matlock says. It is worth reading, anyhow:

Central Union Telephone company, Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18, 1889.—W. H. Hendrichsen, Esq., Quincy, Ill.—Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 14th inst. in relation to the effect of street railroad electric systems upon the telephone, received.

Our experience where such systems have been put in operation, using the rail as a return wire or ground, has been that it seriously interferes with the perfect working of telephones and in many cases rendering them useless.

It has proven to be a fact in every case which has yet come to our notice that we cannot successfully operate our existing telephone lines in cities where electric light and motor companies use the earth as a part of their circuit. This is especially the case with electric railways where the propelling current is carried upon a single trolley wire along the street above the track and thence through cat and ear wheel to rail beneath, where it is not duly cared for; the result being that while the electric railway dynamo is in operation, parallel telephone wires are seriously and constantly interfered with, inductively, as each car moves in the vicinity of telephones. Such telephones, lines and apparatus, become electrically disturbed, and are being rendered by the electric scribbles and the central office; loud and interfering noises are produced in the telephones, rendering them and connecting apparatus absolutely useless—a considerable portion of the time.

These interferences may be practically avoided by the use of a metallic power circuit with double trolley.

The electric street railway interference has become a matter of vital importance to us, and our patrons, and I hope the company proper, to operate this system in Quincy will consider the facts well before commencing their work, as the results, otherwise, will be of great inconvenience and annoyance to your patrons as well as the telephone company.

I desired, I will be pleased to give you any further information I can upon the subject. Very respectfully,

H. H. MATLOCK, Supt.

The Way That They.
Sitting in the retunda of the Alexander Hotel of Louisville, Proctor Knott told this story:

"It was the most remarkable scene I ever witnessed. It occurred during an early morning session of the Kentucky legislature at Louisville. Robert Stewart was then governor of that state. One day I was in his private office when he pardoned a steamboat man for some crime. What it was I have forgotten, but that does not matter. The man had been a convict for the past twenty years, and the governor's office. He was a large, powerful fellow, with the rough manners of his class.

"The governor looked at the steamboat man and seemed strangely affected. He murmured his tag and charge. Finally he signed the document that released him from his long term of imprisonment. 'You will commit some other crime, and be in the penitentiary again, I fear.' The man solemnly promised that he would not. The governor looked doubtful, moved a few moments, and said:

"You are a good fellow, and I will let you go again, I suppose."

"The man replied that he would.

"Well, I want you to promise me one thing," resumed the governor, "I want you to pledge your word that when you are a mate again you will never take a barrel of wood in your hand and drive a sick bay out of a bank to help you load your boat on a stormy night." The steamboat man said that he would not, and he inquired what the governor meant by requiring such a promise.

"The governor replied, 'Because some day that boy may become a governor, and you may want him to pardon you for a crime. One day, stormy night many years ago you stopped your boat on the Mississippi to take on a load of wood. There was a boy on board who was working his passage from New Orleans to St. Louis, and he was very sick of fever and was lying in a bunk. You had plenty of men to do the work, but you went to that boy with a stick of wood in your hand and drove him with blows and curses out into the wretched night, and kept him lying like a slave until the boat was completely full. I was that boy. Here is your pardon. Never again be guilty of such brutality.' And the man, covering and hiding his face, went out. As I never heard of him again, I suppose he took care not to break the law."—Cyr. New York Sun.

Sudden Illness.
Mrs. S. G. Morrison, at the Morrison boarding house, 423 East Main, was taken suddenly very sick about 8 o'clock last night, and lay unconscious for some time. The family was much frightened and sent for four or five doctors. Dr. J. D. Hill was the first to respond, and soon administered the necessary remedies. After an hour's work he left her much improved and out of danger. It was a convulsive attack, the result of nervousness.

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